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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Speech Pathologists, Audiologists, and Hearing Aid

**Dispensers** 

MEETING DATE AND TIME: **Tuesday, February 18, 2014** at **2:00 p.m.** 

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: 03/18/2014

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member, President, Presiding Tonya Coats, Professional Member, Secretary Roberta Burtch, Professional Member Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member Lisa Marencin, Professional Member

## **DIVISION STAFF**

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

#### **MEMBER ABSENT**

Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

# **ALSO PRESENT**

Jacqueline Truluck, EBS Healthcare

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

# Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2013

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the November 19, 2013 meeting. Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

# Update from Audiology/HAD Legislative Committee

Ms. Marencin advised the Board that the Legislative Committee met earlier in the day, and the meeting was extremely productive. They are attempting to align the educational requirement for hearing aid dispensers to

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an associate's degree. The Legislative Committee is anticipating reviewing the draft during next month's meeting.

Review and Consider Order from Proposal to Deny Hearing Held on November 19, 2013, for Stacia Eggleston

The Board reviewed the Order and Ms. Sullivan affixed her signature to the Order.

Mr. David Mangler, the new Director of the Division of Professional Regulation, was introduced to the Baord.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

# Ratification of Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Burtch, to ratify the following permanent speech pathologist applications, as all applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Kim Annese Meredith Bailey – Orr Erica Krakower Elise Lomboy Kelsey McHugh Kasey McManus Elizabeth Munro Linda Newsome Daniel Sanz Cestafe Marianne Stockdale

# Ratification of Temporary Speech Pathologist Application

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to ratify the following temporary speech pathologist applications, as the applicants have met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Stacey Adam Lisa Roye Christine Williams

# Ratification of Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Application

Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to ratify the following temporary hearing aid dispenser application, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

Betty Ruhe

# Review of Audiologist Application (Full Board Review Needed)

Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the following audiologist application, as the applicant has met the requirements for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Robert Pratt

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin moved, seconded by Ms. Coats, to amend the agenda to include the request for an extension for Stephanie Shaver. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Request for Extension of Temporary Speech Pathologist License.

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to grant a 90 day extension on the temporary speech pathologist license for Stephanie Shaver. Motion unanimously carried.

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## Review of Permanent Speech Pathologist Application (Full Board Review Needed)

The Board reviewed permanent speech pathologist application for James Bertinato. Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Ms. Coats to propose to deny the application, as it does not appear that he meets the statutory qualifications for licensure. Motion unanimously carried.

## Review of Temporary Speech Pathologist Application (Full Board Review Needed)

The Board reviewed the temporary speech pathologist application for Kathryn Majarian. Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Ms. Coats to approve the application contingent upon Ms. Majarian amending questions 11 and 13. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review of Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Application (Full Board Review Needed)

The Board reviewed the temporary hearing aid dispenser application for Erin McClure. Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

## Review of Hearing Aid Dispenser Supervisory Reports

The Board reviewed the hearing aid dispenser supervisory report submitted for Richard Davis. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin moved, seconded by Ms. Marencin to approve the supervisory report. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the hearing aid dispenser supervisory report submitted for John Young, III. Dr. Connolly-Gaskin moved, seconded by Ms. Marencin to approve the supervisory report. Motion unanimously carried.

#### Review Request for Extension of Hearing Aid Dispenser Application (Full Board Review Needed)

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin moved, seconded by Ms. Burtch, to grant a 1 year extension on the temporary speech pathologist license for John Young, III. Motion unanimously carried.

# Continuing Education – Review of Submitted Activities

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to approve, deny, or table the following continuing educational activities as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Licensee: Kimberly Condie Approved

Sponsor: Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation

Activity: P-DOT: Pediatric Dysphagia Outcomes Tool based on the ICF-CY

Contact Hours: 1.0 CS

Licensee: Illene Courtright Approved

Sponsor: Delaware School for the Deaf - Christina School District

Activity: Introducing the New CELF-5: An Overview of Changes in Test Content

Contact Hours: 3.0 PG

Sponsor: Delaware Association for Home and Community Care 
Approved

Activity: Confronting an Era of Change in Home and Community Care

Contact Hours: 4.5 PG

Sponsor: Bayada Home Health Care Approved

Activity: Evaluation and Treatment of Clients with Cognitive Deficits: An Interdisciplinary Approach

Contact Hours: 2.0 PG

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Sponsor: American Academy of Audiology Approved

Activity: AudiologyNOW! 2014 Contact Hours: 34.0 CS & 34.0 PG

Sponsor: University of Delaware & Dept. of Education Approved

Activity: Celebrating 20 Years of Inclusion

Contact Hours: 5.5 PG

Licensee: Jennifer Blackford Approved

Sponsor: Christiana Care

Activity: Deep Thoughts on Dysphagia

Contact Hours: 1.0 CS

Licensee: Barbara German Tabled – Course Content and Presenter's CV Needed

Sponsor: Delaware Health & Social Services

Activity: Delaware's Still Listening – 6<sup>th</sup> Conference on Hearing Loss

Contact Hours: 5.5 PG

# **Election of Officers**

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin moved, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to nominate Ms. Sullivan as President. Ms. Sullivan accepted the nomination.

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin moved, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to nominate Ms. Coats as Secretary. Ms. Coats accepted the nomination.

# **Status of Complaints**

The Board was advised that Case 30-01-13 has been forwarded to the Attorney General's Office.

#### Review Supervisory Report for Sherman Fong, Pursuant to Final Order

The Board reviewed the supervisory report regarding Sherman Fong. The Board took no action on this agenda item.

# Discussion Regarding Anticipated Start/End Dates for Temporary Licensees

The Board discussed the application process for temporary SLP applicants. Many applicants document their anticipated start and end dates, and once the application is review, it needs to be amended to reflect new start and end dates in accordance with the approval date. Ms. Burtch moved, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to amend the application, to remove the anticipated start and end dates; as well as to update question 13 to reflect the months of full time and part time work. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Williams will provide the Board with a draft of the application.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Review the Summary of Rationale for the Appropriateness of the Recommended Passing Score of the International Licensing Examination for Hearing Healthcare Professionals from the International Hearing Society

The Board reviewed the correspondence from the International Hearing Society, and took no action as they currently accept IHS' passing score for the hearing aid dispenser exam.

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#### OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Ms. Sullivan inquired about the status of the proposed SLPA legislation. Ms. Kelly advised the Board that she spoke to the attorney that represents the Department of Education. Ms. Kelly informed the Board that the Department of Education was not in support of the proposed legislation. Ms. Burtch voiced her concerns about the quality of service that students may receive.

It was the consensus of the Board not to move forward with the proposed SLPA legislation.

Ms. Sullivan solicited thoughts from the Board in regard to requiring an ethics course for the continuing education requirement. The Board members were not in support of a adding an ethics course to the required continuing education.

Ms. Williams advised the Board that a Bill has been proposed that will require criminal background checks for all healthcare licensees.

Ms. Burtch informed the Board that a recent ASHA publication highlighted DSHA.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Truluck addressed the Board and advised the Board that ASHA no longer uses the term "Clinical Fellowship Year" (CFY) or CF Supervisor, but now they are referred to as Clinical Fellowship (CF) and Mentor.

Ms. Truluck suggested that the Board align their code with ASHA's requirements regarding the required number of hours and the required time frame to complete such hours. She also advised the Board that the CF used to be 9 months and now it is primarily based on obtaining the required 1260 hours.

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coats, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Specialist II